

REMARKS

In the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims

Claims 21-28, 30-35, 37, 39 and 40 are pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 35, 37, 39 and 40 are allowable, and that claims 25-27 and 30-34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.

In order to expedite allowance of the application, claims 21-24 and 28 have been canceled, without prejudice to file those claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications. Accordingly, the pending rejections of claims 21-24 under 35 USC 102(b) and of claim 28 under 35 USC 103(a) have been rendered moot.

Claims 25 and 30-32 have been amended to independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims, as requested in the Office Action.

In addition, claims 25 and 30-32 have been amended to recite "a receiving seat within the vacuum cleaner." In commenting the White reference, the Office Action has noted that the limitation "received in a seat of the collection chamber" has not been considered material for patentability. Without acquiescing to the basis for rejection under 35 USC 102, it is submitted that the amended recitation "a receiving seat within the vacuum cleaner" should not affect allowance of the amended claims.

Claim 30 has been also amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 28, in order to provide antecedent basis to "said pusher unit."

Claim 27, 35, 37 and 40 have been amended to correct a minor informality.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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